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ZIPPER STRIP AND METHOD OF POSITIONING THE STRIP

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## **AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004, please amend the above-

## identified application as follows:

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